

Activity: Yes, but!

Pathway:	Speech to Inform
Assessment Section:	Section 3: Persuasive Speaking
Activity aim:	This activity is a really good way to introduce the idea of rebuttal. It is a nice first exercise to develop persuasive speaking, and it works very well before the activity: 'I Couldn't Disagree More!'.
Time:	5-10 minutes
Delivery:	<p>This activity is a little like word-tennis and it is played in pairs. Here, the students contradict everything their partner says by preceding their statement with 'Yes, but'. Starting sentences may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's raining. • We could go to the cinema. • We have a detention after school tonight. • It's only 3 more weeks until the holidays. • That great drama series is on TV again this evening. • It's Dad's birthday and we haven't got him a card. • We haven't got any food in the house. <p>The game continues until one player can no longer think of something to say.</p> 